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SUBJ: BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH SOVIETS: UN BUDGET

1. AT THE REQUEST OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION AN ITEM ENTITLED, "U.N. BUDGET", WAS INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA OF THE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS AND LUNCH ON AUGUST 29.

2. SOVIET DEPUTY PERMREP SAFRONCHUK STATED THAT THE SOVIET UNION WAS WORRIED ABOUT THE HIGH RATE OF GROWTH OF THE UN BUDGET WHICH HE VIEWED AS A "VERY UNHEALTHY TREND". HE ESTIMATED THAT THE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIAL BUDGET WOULD APPROACH 780 MILLION DOLLARS, AN UNPRECEDENTED 29 PERCENT INCREASE. SAFRONCHUK REMINDED US THAT FOUR OF THE FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, WHO PAY OVER 60 PERCENT OF THE BUDGET, DID NOT APPROVE THE PREVIOUS BUDGET. SAFRONCHUK SAID HE WAS CONCERNED BECAUSE ONLY THE SOVIET UNION LOBBIED AGAINST AND VOTED AGAINST UN BUDGET INCREASES. THE US, HE SAID FREQUENTLY ABSTAINED OR VOTED IN FAVOR OF BUDGET ITEMS. SAFRONCHUK EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT COOPERATION ON BUDGET ITEMS BETWEEN PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SC COULD BE REVIVED.

3. AMB MOYNIHAN AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO CONSULT ON BUDGET MATTERS BUT POINTED OUT THAT WE UNDERSTOOD AN INCREASE OF 21 PERCENT RATHER THAN 29 PERCENT OR 30 PERCENT WAS
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EXPECTED. WE EMPHASIZED THAT THE US IS DEEPLY CONCERNED

ABOUT HOLDING DOWN UN BUDGET INCREASES CONSISTENT WITH
EFFICIENCY OF OPERATIONS. WHEN WE POINTED OUT THAT THE MAJOR
PART OF THE BUDGET INCREASE RESULTED FROM INFLATION, MALIK
SUGGESTED THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR INFLATION SHOULD COMPENSATE THE
UN. AMB MOYNIHAN RECOMMENDED SAUDI ARABI AS A LIKELY
CANDIDATE. SAFRONCHUK SAID IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO CONSULT WITH THE
BRITISH, FRENCH, JAPANESE AND ITALIANS TOO.
MOYNIHAN

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